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SUBJECT: EEC/ EAMA MEETINGS IN MAURITIUS

1. WITH COMING INTO FORCE, JUNE 1, OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING ACCESSION OF GOM TO YAOUNDE II, MAURITIUS IS NOW HOST TO COUNCIL OF COORDINATION AND COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES, WHICH ARE DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF SEVERAL POINTS AT ISSUE AS WELL AS TO RENEWAL OF YAOUNDE CONVENTION. COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION' S ONE- DAY CONFERENCE, OPENING TODAY, WAS PRECEDED BY COORDINATION COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 13-14. ADDRESSING FORMER CONFERENCE, MAURITIUS PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, IN WELCOMING DELEGATES, STATED IT DESIRABLY FOR DEVELOPING STATES TO WORK TOGETHER TO ARRIVE AT COMMON STRATEGY WHICH WOULD ASSURE ACCESS THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO MARKETS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. COUNCIL OF COORDINATION DELEGATES REPORTEDLY WORKED LONG INTO NIGHT GETTING POSITIONS READY ON (1) DUTIES WHICH EEC WOULD ACCORD ON IMPORTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM AFRICA; (2) DEMANDS BY AFRICAN STATES ON EEC TO GIVE GREATER ACCESS TO

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EUROPEAN MARKETS, INCLUDING SUGAR (THIS LARGELY THEORETICAL ENTERPRISE SINCE NO STATE EXCEPT MAURITIUS HAS SIZEABLE QUANTITIES OF SUGAR FOR EXPORT AT ITS DISPOSAL, AND MAURITIUS EXPRESSLY PRECLUDED UNDER TERMS OF ASSOCIATION ACCORD FROM SUCH SUGAR SALES AT PRESENT); (3) DISCUSSION ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR LOWERING OF TARIFFS CONCERNING COCOA AND COFFEE.

2. COMMENT: CONFERENCES ARE BEING HELD AT BEACH HOTEL IN ISOLATED SECTION OF MAURITIUS WHERE PHONE COMMUNICATIONS POOR. ALTHOUGH ACCOMMODATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN WELL WORKED OUT BY MAURITIANS FROM EXPERIENCE GAINED IN RECENT OCAM CONFERENCE HERE, HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN PROBLEMS WITH COORDINATION, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME 175 DELEGATES.
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